

ALASKA LIVESTOCK - 2003

CATTLE AND CALVES: All cattle and calves totaled 12,500 head on January 1, 2004, the same number of head as the previous year. Inventory value of all cattle on January 1, 2004 totaled \$10,875,000 which was up \$625,000 from last year.

DAIRY: Milk cows that have calved numbered 1,200 on January 1, 2004, down 100 cows from a year ago. There were 500 head of dairy replacement heifers. The number of Grade A dairies in the State on January 1, 2003 totaled 10.

MILK PRODUCTION in 2003 totaled 16.7 million pounds, down 980,000 pounds from 2002. The value of milk produced at \$3,440,000 was \$167,000 less than a year ago. The 2003 value per hundredweight of \$20.60 was up 10 cents from 2002.

BEEF: On January 1, 2004 beef cattle (all cattle and calves less milk cows and dairy replacement heifers) numbered 10,800 head; 200 head more than the January 1, 2003 number. Beef cows at 5,100 head, is up 400 head from the previous year. Beef and other heifers are estimated at 1,200 head, unchanged from last year. Bulls over 500 pounds, at 1,300 head are unchanged from a year ago. Calves under 500 pounds numbered 2,400 head, down from 2,600 head last year. Steers over 500 pounds numbered 800 head, are unchanged from last year.

HOGS: There were 1,500 hogs and pigs on farms on December 1, 2003, up 300 head from the previous year. All hogs kept for breeding, at 400 head, are up 100 head from a year ago. The number of market hogs, at 1,100 head, are up 200 head from last year. Alaska producers averaged 9.4 pigs per litter, compared to 9.2 pigs per litter last year. Total value of hogs on December 1, 2003 was \$270,000, up from \$204,000 a year ago.

SHEEP: All sheep and lambs on January 1, 2004 totaled 600 head, unchanged from a year earlier. Ewes, wethers and rams, 1 year old and older, totaled 400 head, also unchanged from last year. Lambs born, at 400 head, were unchanged from 2002. Inventory value of sheep was estimated at \$52,000, compared with \$49,000 a year ago.

WOOL PRODUCTION in 2003 totaled 2,500 pounds, up from 2,000 pounds in 2002. Sheep and lambs shorn in 2003 totaled 600 head, also unchanged from 2002. Fleece weight at 8.5 pounds was up from 7.2 pounds the previous year. The 2003 wool crop was valued at \$5,000.

REINDEER: There were an estimated 15,000 head of reindeer in Alaska in 2003. Reindeer herds are located throughout the state, with the largest number of reindeer being located in the Seward Peninsula as well as Nunivak and Umnak Islands.

ALASKA MEAT PRODUCTION - 1996 - 2003

Year	Tanana Valley	Matanuska Valley	Kenai Peninsula	South-West 1/	State Total
BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCTION DRESSED WEIGHT - (POUNDS)					
1996	520,000	355,000	80,000	73,000	1,028,000
1997	541,000	327,000	166,000	498,000	1,532,000
1998	414,000	421,000	189,000	1,053,000	2,077,000
1999	438,000	498,000	70,000	326,000	1,332,000
2000	443,000	385,000	132,000	187,000	1,147,000
2001	369,000	343,000	115,000	147,000	974,000
2002	482,000	638,000	148,000	199,000	1,467,000
2003	263,000	603,000	109,000	117,000	1,092,000
BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCTION VALUE - (DOLLARS)					
1996	659,000	445,000	97,000	87,000	1,288,000
1997	676,000	405,000	198,000	571,000	1,850,000
1998	527,000	536,000	237,000	1,278,000	2,578,000
1999	586,000	668,000	95,000	436,000	1,785,000
2000	659,000	566,000	194,000	275,000	1,694,000
2001	565,000	528,000	179,000	225,000	1,497,000
2002	736,000	979,000	228,000	307,000	2,250,000
2003	407,000	933,000	170,000	182,000	1,692,000
PORK PRODUCTION DRESSED WEIGHT - (POUNDS)					
1996	511,000	123,000	16,000	16,000	666,000
1997	462,000	73,000	17,000	18,000	570,000
1998	446,000	127,000	16,000	22,000	611,000
1999	384,000	178,000	14,000	14,000	590,000
2000	154,000	152,000	12,000	12,000	328,000
2001	97,000	119,000	12,000	12,000	240,000
2002	122,000	185,000	12,000	12,000	331,000
2003	173,000	233,000	10,000	10,000	426,000
PORK PRODUCTION VALUE - (DOLLARS)					
1996	358,000	85,000	11,000	12,000	466,000
1997	352,000	55,000	13,000	15,000	435,000
1998	390,000	104,000	13,000	13,000	520,000
1999	275,000	129,000	10,000	10,000	424,000
2000	115,000	121,000	9,000	9,000	254,000
2001	79,000	98,000	9,000	9,000	195,000
2002	100,000	152,000	10,000	10,000	272,000
2003	152,000	204,000	9,000	9,000	374,000

1/ Includes Southeast.